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Bid Received For US 1 Paving

A bid of $393,540 has been submitted to the State Highway Commission by the F. D. Cline Paving Company for the contract to pave the Southern Pines thruway, it was announced in Raleigh Tuesday.

The commission is meeting today to review the bids.

Paving of the thruway should be completed this fall, at least by December, according to T. W. Poindexter, division engineer. If weather conditions do not permit the completion of the project by that time, Poindexter said, the work will be resumed about March 1, with a completion date early in the summer.

Included with the thruway work in the contract letting will be the new construction of curb and gutters along Pennsylvania Avenue to Bennett Street to the east, and to the first cross-street on the West side, Poindexter said.

Structures along the thruway include overpasses at the Seaboard Airline railroad near Manly and, in Southern Pines, overpasses at Midland Road and at Morganton Road. An underpass will be constructed at Pennsylvania Avenue.

All the structures will have access ramps.

Court Clerks From State Holding Three-Day Workshop Session Here

A three-day meeting of the North Carolina Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Couurts will be held in the Southland Hotel in Southern Pines August 2-4, it was announced this week.

The Moore County members are hosts for the meeting, which will begin with registration at the hotel at 3 p. m. next Thursday.

Following registration there will be a general membership meeting with J. A. Walker, president of the association and deputy clerk in Guilford County, presiding. Walker will introduce W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehuurst, a special Superior Court judge, who will address the delegates.

Following Judge McKeithen's remarks Jo Harper, deputy clerk of the Randolph Superior Court, will respond.

Bingo and other entertainment will be enjoyed at the hotel following the early business meetings.

Beginning at 9:30 Friday the delegates will begin a series of round table discussions on problems and duties of the assistant and deputy clerks. The discussions will be led by Everette Beam, clerk of Superior Court, Stanly County; Betty Varner, deputuy clerk of Superior Court, Guilford Counuty; and Royal Shannonhouse, assistant director of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

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After lunch the delegates will take part in another round table discussion on problems of the county Recorder's Courutu problems, led by Judge J. Vance Rowe, presiding judge of Moore Recorder's Court, and Martha Irvin, deputuy clerk of Superior Court in Vance County.

A banquet, which is being sponsored by the Moore County Bar Association, will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club Friday night at 7:30. W. D. Sabiston, Jr., president of the county bar association, will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by Carlton Kennedy, Clerk of Court in Moore County.

Following the banquet a series of entertainment programs has been pplapnned, including a hillbilly band, ballet dances, and a number of monologues.

Saturday's program will be devoted to a friendship breakfast and the election and installation of new officers.

Blanche Collins, deputy clerk of Moore Superior Court, said this week that more than 50 delegates would attend the meeting which is the fifth annual conference. This is the first time the state association has ever met in Moore County and, Miss Collins said, the first time the state-wide meeting has ever held in one of the state's smaller counties.

She said the association had been helped greatly by Mark King and J. T. Overton of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Bernice Harrington, owner of the Southland Hotel, meeting headquarters.

Members of the state association from Moore County are Miss Collins of Cameron, and Mrs. Fred Beck, of Carthabe, both deputies and Nancy Fry of Carthage.

22-Year-Old Note From Eisenhower No Help In Court

Eisenhower became a character witness, after a fashion, in Moore recorders court Monday.

Henry Letterlough, elderly Southern Pines Negro, on trial for drunken driving, produced a letter written in 1934 by the then Major Dwight Eisenhower, attesting that he had known Letterlough for three years, saw him practically every day and considered him an honest and upstanding citizen.

Letterlough said the letter was written when he was an employee in the office of the Chief of Staff at Washington, that he did some driving there and occasionally chauffered Major Eisenhower.

Judge J. Vance Rowe read the letter aloud and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, slipping for a moment into his other role of Moore County Democratic chairman, observed facetiously that "many years had passed since the letter was written and both Eisenhower and Letterlough had changed for the worse."

Southern Pines Police Officers Stout and Younts testified that Letterlough had almost driven head-on into their car at the intersection of PeeDee Road and Midland Road, that then he had backed off, turned and headed in the opposite direction, turned again and came back to make another near-miss at a head-on collision.

Letterlough complained that he was ill, had terrible arthritic pains and also headaches, and displayed a quantity of medicine he said he had to take.

Solicitor Brown queried, "Don't you think that in that case you are too ill to keep on driving?" to which the defendant answered, "Well, but folks say it never seems to affect my driving."

Judge Rowe acquitted the old man on the drunken driving charge, and found him guilty of making an improper turn, continuing judgment on payment of costs. He took official note of the fact that Letterlough should not continue driving, for health reasons.

Franklin Johnson Named To Local Police Force

Franklin Johnson, who was discharged from the Army Saturday after 31 months with the military police in Germany, has joined the Southern Pines Police Department, effective August 1, it was announced today by Chief C. E. Newton.

Johnson, a native of Southern Pines, graduated from Southern Pines High School in 1952. Before he joined the Army he was employed at the A & P Store.

He fills a vacancy created by the recent resignation of Sgt. H. V. Chandler, Jr., who assumed the position of chief of the Ayden police force.

Chief Newton said this morning that he was extremely pleased to have Johnson on the force. "His background as a corporal in the military police will be of invaluable aid in his new work here," he said, "and we are fortunate in securing him on the force."

APPROVAL

Eleven Moore County farmers who voted in the wheat referendum held July 20th voiced approval to place quotas on the 1957 crop, the county agent's office has reported.

PONY LEAGUE All-Stars from Moore County, defeated Tuesday night in Greensboro for district honors and the right to participate in national eliminations, line up for a picture after losing to Martinsville the previous night. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Larry Kennedy, Robbins, Don Whitaker, Carthage, Bobby Kelly, Carthage, Melba Hall, Southern Pines, Robert Woodruff, Southern Pines, G. A. McCaskill, Robbins, and Bill Marts, Aberdeen. Back row, same order, Marvin Lewis, Aberdeen, Archie Kelly, Carthage, Yates Williamson, Carthage, Bobby Watkins, Southern Pines, Jimmy Caldwell, Southern Pines, H. V. Ritter, Aberdeen, Phillip Williams, Robbins, and Coach W. A. Leonard, Southern Pines. Missing when picture was made was Lindy Moore of Robbins.

(Emerson Humphrey photo)

BUT WIN TWICE IN DURHAM!

Pony League All-Stars Defeated By Shelby In District Eliminations

Weary from three games last week, the Moore County Pony League All-Stars were defeated by Martinsville (Va.) and Shelby in double eliminations for district honors this week.

Last week the All-Stars, composed of boys from all four teams in the county—Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins and Southern Pines—defeated Durham twice in three games to advance to the district playoffs.

Playing Martinsville Monday night the All-Stars couldn't get the right pitching combination and lost 11-5. G. A. McCaskill, H. V. Ritter, Archie Kelly and Bobby Watkins all came on in efforts to stem the steady flow of Martinsville hits but were unsuccessful.

In Tuesday night's game against Shelby, Marvin Lewis, mainstay of the All-Stars' pitching staff, was on the mound after three days of rest but allowed eight hits, losing 5-1. Lewis had been injured in Durham last week.

One bright spot in the picture was the slugging ability the All-Stars displayed, though, unfortunately, not at the right times.

H. V. Ritter collected a home run in both games, both over the long centerfield wall, and Phillip Williams of Robbins batted in three runs with a round tripper in the Martinsville game.

In the Shelby game played Tuesday night, the All-Stars' last opportunity to stay in the running, the boys showed the strain of being on the road almost continuously for a week.

In the first inning Coach W. A. Leonard's charges loaded the bases with none out but were unable to score.

Several other times during the game the All-Stars had the bases full but were unable to score.

Ritter's home run and a single by Bobby Woodruff were the only hits the locals got in the entire game.

Coach Leonard said this morning that four more games remain of regular season play, which was halted when Moore County started participating in the state playoffs at Durham last week.

It is probable, he said, that the regular season schedule would be resumed Tuesday.

Police Report Bold Break-In At Theodota's

Theft of six wrist watches from a smashed window of Theodota's Gift Shop on North West Broad Street Tuesday night was reported today by Chief C. E. Newton.

Miss Katherine McDonald, owner of the shop, said the loss—about $250—was fully covered by insurance.

Police said that Kenneth Creech, who lives upstairs nearby, reported hearing a smash about 11:15 Tuesday night. He had been watching television and at first thought the crash was made by an automobile.

He raised the window and, when he looked out, saw a man running through the bushes at the railroad tracks.

Police later discovered five of the boxes containing the watches in shrubbery near the tracks.

Chief Newton said a regular night patrol had passed the shop about 10 minutes before but had not noticed anyone suspicious hanging around.

Hundreds Attend Opening Of New Colonial Store

Hundreds of people, some shoppers and some lookers, attended the grand opening of the new Colonial Store on the corner of East Connecticut Avenue and N. E. Broad Street yesterday.

The store, newest in the chain that includes more than 440 east of the Mississippi, was open to the public Wednesday morning at 8:30. Before the store closed W. H. Lee, manager, estimated that several thousand people had attended and registered for the large number of prizes that will be awarded in celebration of the opening.

The new store has more than 10,000 square feet of space in which to display more than 4,000 separate items.

Equipped wtih modern air-conditioning, the store features speedy check-out stands, a modern refrigerated produce department, large self-service meat department, a large variety of frozen foods, housewares, beauty aids, and a large parking lot that will accommodate more than 50 cars.

The Sav-A-Stamp program of Colonial Stores will also be in effect here, Lee announced.

He said the store would remain open until 8:30 each night this week. Next week the store will go on regular hours, staying open until 8:30 Friday nights and closing Wednesday afternoons.

Criminal Court Session Postponed Until August 13

A special criminal term of Moore County Superior Court will convene August 13 with Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham presiding.

The jury list: Eli G. Maness, Harold McNeill, Pauline Hussey, Elwood E. Blake, L. M. Currie, Marvin Craig, James E. Comer, Alton Scott, John L. Black, K. Arnold, Lacy Britt, Charles Pritz, Alvin Barrett, C. F. Seawell, James Russell Jones, Willie T. Person, Anne Miller, Timothy Cleary, James H. Garrison, B. E. Reynolds, Jessie F. Oldham, Lindsay F. Myrick, Jessie Park, Haywood Bobbitt, D. D. Marion, James W. Dixon, Jr., W. L. Martin, Rayvell J. Thompson, John F. Hunneman, Mrs. J. B. McDonald, and John Schutte.

Also, Henry A. Borst, A. D. Brown, Eddie J. Thomas, William G. Rumfelt, Mrs. R. S. Marks, Lacy W. Brewer, Roberta Keller, H. J. Speer, Mrs. M. J. McPhail, P. L. Patterson, J M. McCracken, Jessie McLauchlin, J. A. Culbertson, J. Earl Parker, Thomas L. Black. A. C. Dawson, Herbert Simmons, H. H. McKenzie, Gaston A. Vaughan, D. P. Troutman, Allen D. Smith. R. A. Stutts, Jr., and Elmer N. Donaldson.

Chamber of Commerce Still On Summer Sked

The Chamber of Commerce, still running on a once-a-month meeting schedule for the summer, will hold its next meeting August 14, president Mark King said today.

King said the summer schedule would continue to October 2, when the regular twice-a-month meetings of the Board of Directors would be resumed.

The September meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday.

Golf Carousel Will Be Held Nov. 8-11; Three Courses Will Be Used

Plans Announced For Third Event

The third annual Southern Pines Golf Carousel will be held November 8-11, it was announced following a planning committee meeting earlier this week.

Joe Carter, who is co-chairman of the event along with Johnnie Hall, said the dates were selected to obtain the maximum opportunity for golfers from the entire eastern seaboard to make arrangements to attend the Carousel scheduled for four days over the three courses in Southern Pines.

At that time, he pointed out, there is a lull in golf tournaments and, with virtually no competition from other events, it is expected that the entry list will be far larger.

Carter said one other factor in the date selection was the consideration of the Southern Seniors Championship, which will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club November 16-18, a few days after the Carousel. Some golfers in the Seniors group, it was thought, would welcome the opportunity of playing on courses in this area a few days prior to their annual championship in order to sharpen their games.

Meeting Tuesday night with an advisory committee from the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the Carousel for the first two years, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce were enthusiastic in discussions of the golf event.

Arrangements have been made to send hundreds of invitations all over the country, concentrating on golf courses and golf associations. Promotion and publicity will begin immediately, it was pointed out.

Carter said that discussion of a "pro-am" would be welcomed from anyone who knew the mechanics and possibilities of staging a successful one. Roy Grinnell, pro at the Southern Pines Country Club and a member of the Jaycee advisory committee, said such events had proven quite successful at a number of club tournaments in North Carolina this year.

He said that a "prom-am" as part of the Carousel would probably add greatly to the entry list.

The matter was not fully decided on and was put into Grinnell's hands until further information from the Carolinas Professional Golf Association is received and evaluated.

Those who play in this year's tournament can expect bigger, better and more prizes, Carter said.

A larger percentage of the total receipts will be spent on trophies and prizes than ever before, he said. Grinnell and John Ostrom, also a member of the Chamber of Commerce advisory committee, and Frank Yandell and E. O.

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Church Team Is Upset Winner In Adult Ball Loop

The Church of Wide Fellowship, ranked third in the Adult Softball League final standings, staged a rousing upset by defeating the number two team, Carolina Power and Light, in the Shaughnessy playoffs now underway.

Church of Wide Fellowship won 13-7 last Thursday night and turned the trick again Tuesday night, winning 16-15.

In the other games the Airmen at the Air-Ground School, ranked number one, defeated the Lions Club last Thursday night, 15-10; the Airmen won again Tuesday night 9-1.

The Airmen play Church of Wide Fellowship in the first game of best two-of-three series tonight (Thursday) at 7:30. The second game is scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 with a third game if necessary scheduled for later next week.

All games are being played at Memorial Field.

Irie Leonard, head of the town's summer recreation program, of which the adult softball league is a part, said that large crowds were attending the games.

Piii-LUUHHHT!!, the familiar chant of Pilot newshawks on city streets late every Thursday afternoon, is missing from this picture, but a number of people have found the convenience of the recently added "self-service" display rack to their liking. The rack, located at the front door of the Pilot building on Pennsylvania Avenue, was installed about three weeks ago for the convenience of Pilot readers who were unable to purchase a paper late at night and on the weekend. So far it has proven quite popular. Pictured here is Aileen Stroman of 990 West Indiana Avenue, first customer when the rack was installed, purchasing a paper on her way from shopping.

American Legion Elects Officers

The election of new officers for the American Legion Post in Southern Pines met a snag last Friday when the newly-elected commander, Captain A. R. McDaniel, had to decline the office.

Officials of the post have not set a date to select someone to fill the post.

Other officers elected are Edward Finch of Vass, first vice-commander; T. W. Wilson of Manly, second vice-commander; Alden Bower of Southern Pines, sergeant-at-arms; L. L. Woolley, of Southern Pines, re-elected adjutant; and W. E. Cox, Jr., Southern Pines, finance officer.

Date of installation of the new officers has not been set.

WorkUnderwayOn Aberdeen Link Of Four-Lane US 1

The three-lane highway south of Southern Pines is getting a face-lifting and, according to engineers with the State Highway Commission, a widening that will place it among the state's top traffic arteries.

Bulldozers are widening the present 33-foot three-lane highway to a modern four-lane highway that will encompass 72 feet.

When completed, some time in the late fall if weather permits, the new construction will stretch from South Street in Aberdeen to the intersection with the new Southern Pines thruway, a total of 2.46 miles.

T. E. Poindexter, division engineer, said that no houses or other buildings are being moved. He said the highway commission had obtained a 100-foot right-of-way for the new construction and most property owners along the highway knew of the acquisition and had kept it in mind.

When completed, the highway will consist of four lanes all the way from a point just south of Lakeview, beginning of the Southern Pines thruway, to the Richmond County line.